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In re patent application of:

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FOR: Hydrophobically Modified Polysaccharide)
In Household Preparations)

EXAMINER: E.J. Webman

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

This is in further response to the Requirement for Restriction under 35 USC121 mailed from US Patent and Trademark Office on August 15, 2000, which sets a one-month period for response until September 15, 2000.

Applicant notes that this response is being submitted prior to the expiration of the initial due date of September 15, 2000, whereby an extension of time and an extension of time fee are not required for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any government fees are required for maintaining the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees, applicant hereby expressly requests any required

extension of time, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge any required fee, including any required extension of time fee, to deposit Account No. 08-1800.

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application and are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 1 and 36 are independent claims.

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ULTIMATE SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required election of an ultimate species to one of the following ingredients under 35USC121:

- I. solvent.
- li hydrophobically modified polysaccharide.

ELECTION

In order to be responsive to this requirement for restriction, applicant elects the ultimate species as follows:

- I. For the solvent, water is the ultimate species.
- II. For the hydrophobically modified polysaccharide, cetyl hydroxyethylcellulose is the ultimate species.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested in view of the remarks made in the communication mailed May 26, 2000 which are repeated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Edwards", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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